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LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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MERRILLVILLE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THIS PAMPHLET CANNOT TALK BUT WE HOPE YOU GET THE MESSAGE.

GOVERNMENT
Trustee with Advisory Board. Separate school corporation. Under the jurisdiction of the Lake County Sheriff and his staff.

AREA
Ross Township is the largest township in Lake County, with 49 square miles, consisting of 31,360 acres of land.

ASSESSED VALUATION
$35,887,750 for 1968.

BUILDING PERMITS
Ross Township leads Lake County in number and dollar value. The figures for April, 1969 showed that of a total of $3,638,446 in the county, Ross Township had $2,904,461. This has been the trend for the past 5 years or more.

CHURCHES
There are approximately 20 churches of all denominations in Ross Township.

CLIMATOLOGY
The average temperature in Ross Township is 51.4 degrees. The average rainfall in Ross Township is 29.96 inches per year.

CLUBS
All the regular Service Clubs--i.e. Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary and numerous other civic, fraternal, womens, and patriotic clubs, along with many community clubs in the various subdivisions.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
Four banks and two savings and loan associations.

HIGHWAYS
State Roads 53, 55, and 51 and U.S. Highways I-65 and 30.

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HISTORY
Ross Township was founded in June, 1848. It was named in honor of William Ross. It ranks second in growth among all townships in the state.

EDUCATION
Ross Township has an excellent school system, including public and parochial schools at all levels up to and including high school. The township is located within 15 miles of Valparaiso University, 45 miles of St. Joseph University, 5 miles of the Northwest Campus of Indiana University, and 10 miles of the Purdue University Calumet Campus.

HOMES
The township has more than 15 selective and restricted subdivisions, as well as many ideal sites for suburban living.

MEDICAL
The township has a clinic complex with about 30 doctors and complete X-Ray and laboratory facilities, a tuberculosis sanitarium, a Medicenter extended care facility, and many other doctors, dentists, and veterinarians.

MOTELS
At present the township has eight including a new Holiday Inn at the intersection of I-65 and U.S. 30. Others are being planned.

LOCATION
Approximately in the center of Lake county, about 7 miles north of Crown Point, about 7 miles south of Gary and the U.S. Steel Corporation mills.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
Much of the area has sewers, gas and water. The entire area has electricity and telephone service.

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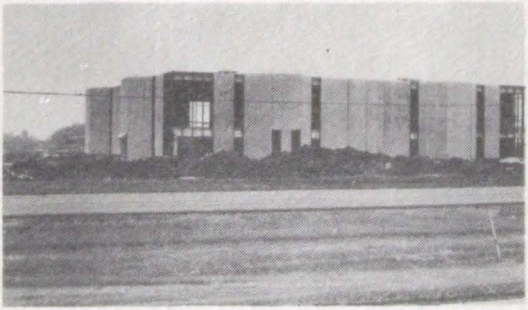


INDUSTRY
421 acres in suitable areas have been zoned by the Lake County Plan Commission for exclusive use by light and heavy industry.

NATURAL RESOURCES
Nearness to Lake Michigan and sand as well as many wooded areas.

NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTION
One local weekly newspaper, one local daily newspaper, and all Chicago daily papers.

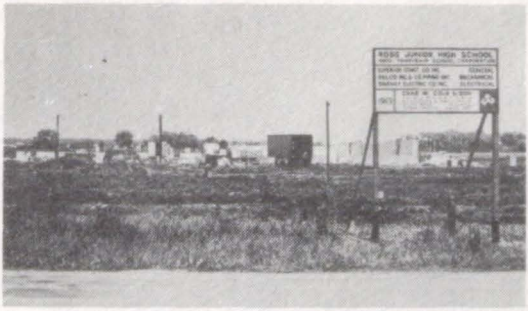
POPULATION GROWTH
1950 - 6,676
1960 - 24,000 (est.)
1969 - 28-30,000 (est.)
1980 - 63,000 (projected figure of Lake County Plan Commission.)

LIBRARY
Main library of the Lake County Public Library System is located on U.S. 30 in Ross Township. There are also branch libraries in Independence Hill and Merrillville.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Lake County Sheriff's Department, Citizens Police, Constables, three volunteer fire departments, and Civil Defense organization.

RADIO & TV RECEPTION
Five Chicago TV stations are received clearly as well as Educational TV Channel 50 from St. John, Indiana. Radio Stations WWCA and WLTH in Gary as well as all Chicago radio stations serve the township.

RECREATION
Several fine public and private golf courses are available in the township and in nearby locations. There is also a driving range,



miniature golf course and other facilities. U.S. 30 Dragstrip, one of the most famous in the country, is located in Ross Township and holds races throughout the summer. Lake of the Four Seasons is only 10 minutes drive away as are Lake Michigan and Cedar Lake. A large drive-in theatre and an amusement park for the kiddies are also found on Broadway in Merrillville. Year round supervised athletics are provided by the Little League, Biddy Basketball, and Pop Warner Football. There is skiing at the Pines in Valparaiso during the winter.

RETAIL

Ross Township will be the leading area in Northwest Indiana for shopping centers as three new ones have been approved and are starting construction this year. At least two others have been submitted to the Lake County Plan Commission for approval.

SANITATION

Sanitary sewer facilities are provided in approximately one-third of the township by the Merrillville Conservancy District and are being extended as the need arises.

TAX RATE

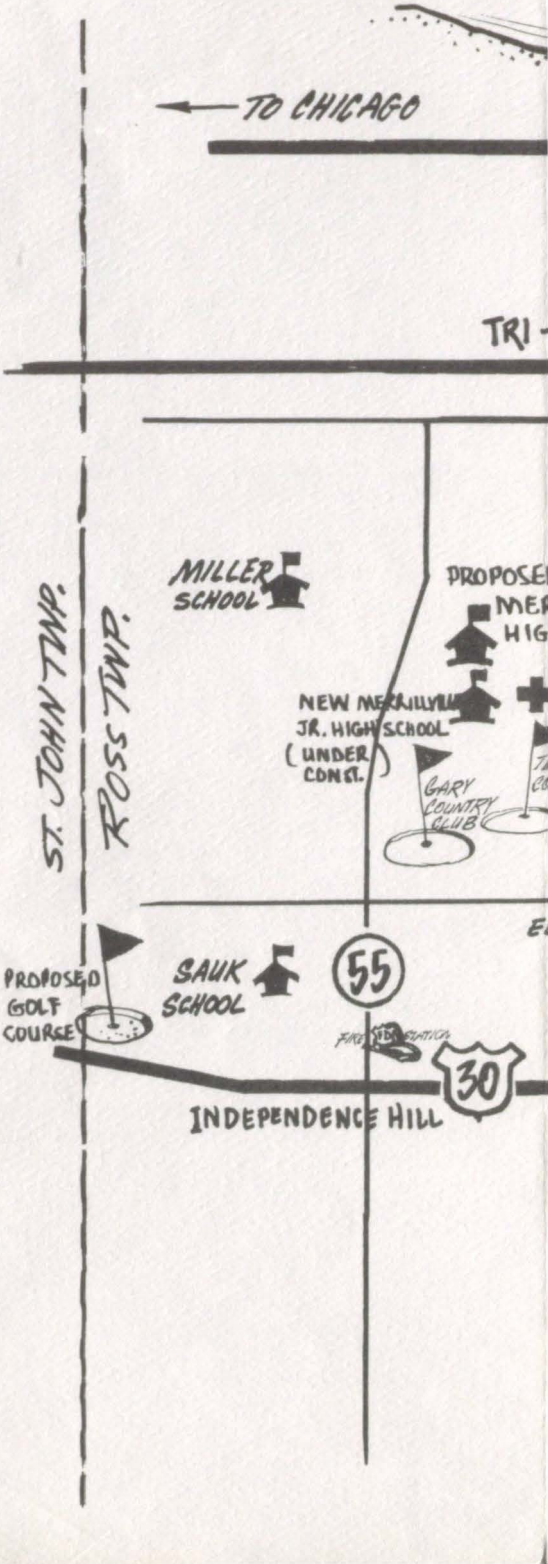
Substantially less than similarly situated ares. $10.42 per $100 of assessed valuation at present.

TRANSPORTATION

Gary Transit system, Indiana Bus line, cab service, rail and truck service. The C & O railroad and the Grand Trunk railroad run east and west through the township. More than 50 truck lines are licensed to serve any part of Lake County and will haul to all parts of the country.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ross Township is only about 40 miles from Chicago and only an hour and a half via expressways from O'Hare airport.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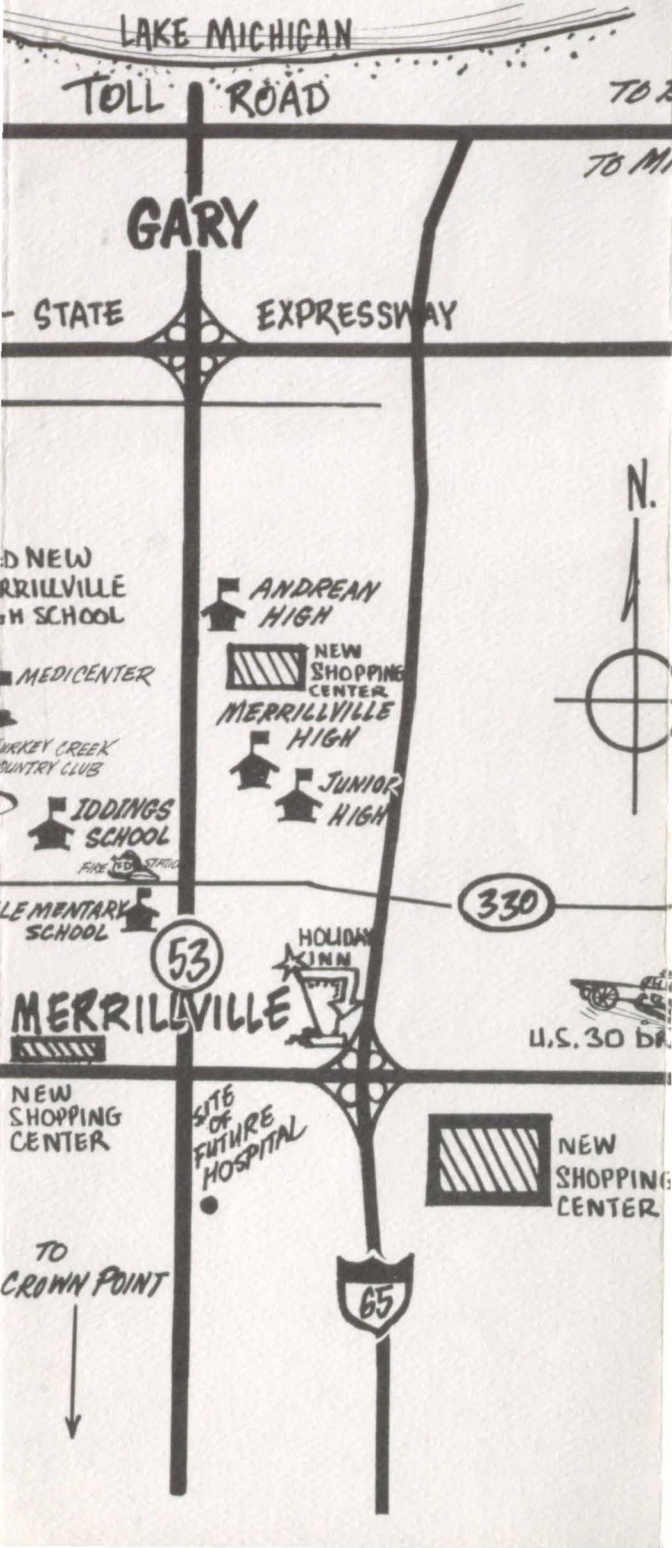
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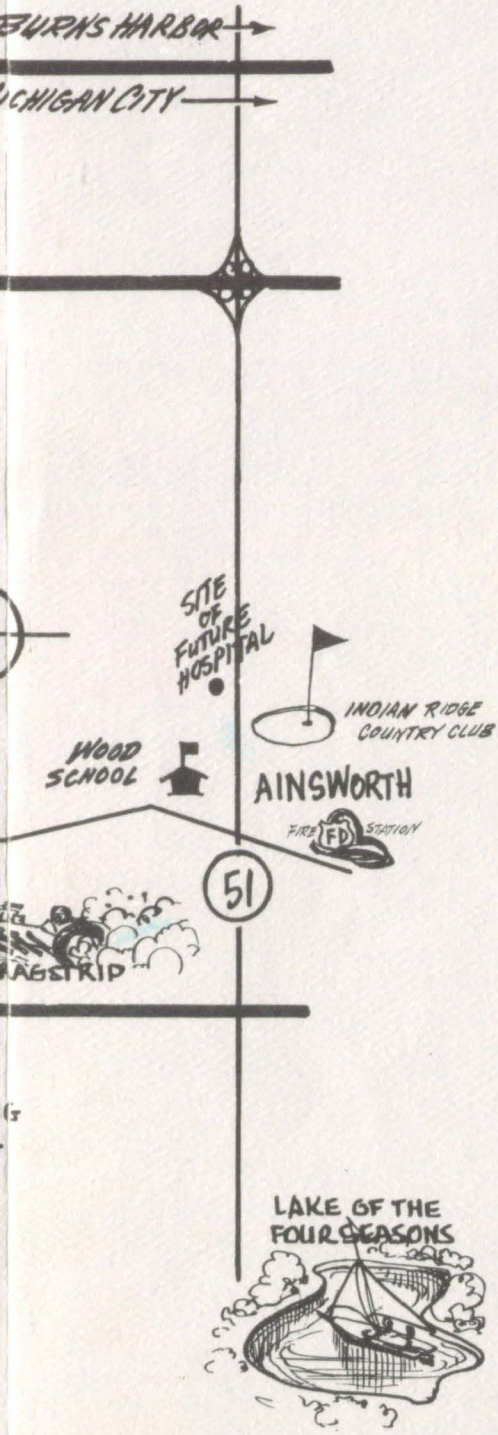
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